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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/621,448; Filed: July 21, 2000
For: **Method for Producing L-Amino Acids Using a *Corynebacterium glutamicum* with a Disrupted *pgi* Gene** (as amended)
Inventors: O'Donohue *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.1010002/MAC/DJN

Sir:

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3. Fee Transmittal Form;
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Respectfully submitted,

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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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